

"The Best Little Beach in Delaware"



Spring 2020

Town of South Bethany • 402 Evergreen Road • South Bethany, DE 19930

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK TIM SAXTON

Since our fall 2019 Zephyr the world has certainly taken an unexpected turn due to the Coronavirus Crisis. Clearly this has had an affect on all our lives in many different ways. As I write this article, we are all experiencing changes but are hopeful we can return to normal in the very near future. The Town is no different and has had to modify how we operate. I am pleased to say that the Town continues to operate in a manner to provide required services through email, the website and by telephone. The Town staff and Police Department have done an excellent job in maintaining all services during these times.

The Spring of 2020 has finally arrived in South Bethany. Our Public Works department is conducting activities to prepare the beach for the summer, freshen up our garden beds, place bicycle racks in designated locations and other spring activities. Wooden beach crossovers have been completed at 3 locations: N. 6th Street, S. 6th Street and Indian Street and Bristol Road will be repaved by the end of April. Finally, we are continuing with our plans for the summer activities that are outlined in the articles provided by our Communications and Public Relations and Community Enhancement Committees.

The Town continues to focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety. In conjunction with DelDOT we have worked to have flashing light signs at 4 crossing locations on Route 1. The project has been initiated by DelDOT and it is currently targeted to be completed for the summer season.

Financially, the Town continues to be in a solid position. As we complete FY2020 our revenues and expenses are tracking to budget expectations. Our capital budget allowed the Town to complete the planned major infrastructure projects. Our strong financial position should allow the Town to weather any financial impact that could occur due to the current crisis.

At this time, we do not know what, if any, impact the Coronavirus Crisis will have on the summer season. We will continue to work with Federal, State and Local officials to do our best to provide a relaxing summer at the beach here in South Bethany.

Stay safe and stay well. As we all do our part, we will get through this together.

STAY INFORMED!

The COVID 19 pandemic has opened our eyes. Now more than ever, your contact information is important to us! Although we've done our best to keep you informed with the State of Delaware's Emergency Declarations, there are many residents who didn't receive our electronic updates because we have either no email address or an outdated one.

Here's how you can provide us with your current contact information:

1. Fill out the property owners registration form located on our website

at the following link: <https://southbethany.delaware.gov/email-registration-owners-contact-info-form/>.

2. Call Town Hall at 302-539-3653, ext. 219.

3. Email us at townhall@southbethany.org.

If you wish to only receive email news updates of high importance or pertaining to emergency information, contact Pam Smith at administrator@southbethany.org or 302-539-3653, Ext. 219.

TOWN INFORMATION – NEW THIS YEAR!

Town Hall staff has been working hard to prepare for the summer season. New brochures are available at Town Hall regarding Beach Rules, Bike Rack Locations, and Parking Regulations. Brochures are located beside the kiosk. Stop by and pick some up!



Indian Street walkway

Three new beach access walkways have been added this year. The new walkways are located at North 6th Street, South 6th Street and Indian Street. Aquatic Marine, LLC was awarded the bid for the three walkways in the amount of \$65,500.00.



Welcome back Jay Vending to the Beach this year! Jay Vending plans to add a second golf-cart-type vehicle (either a 4 X 4 golf cart or a modified John Deere Gator) for use on the beach this summer! Jay Vending will be selling their specialty Italian ice, bottled drinks, pretzels, hot dogs, and prepackaged snacks!

CANCELED: SPRING BULK TRASH PICK-UP

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring bulk trash pick-up has been canceled and will be rescheduled. When the bulk trash

pick-up has been rescheduled, the Town will post notices on the Town website and on the bulletin boards around town. In addition, an email news update will be sent to property owners enrolled in the Email Communications Program.

TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY—2020 ELECTION CANCELED

The Town of South Bethany Election, which would have been scheduled for May 23, 2020, has been canceled. There were three seats open for Council Members for two year terms, and one seat for Mayor for a two year term. All were filled by unopposed candidates, qualified by the Board of Elections. The following were declared elected by the South Bethany Board of Elections:

Mayor—Timothy Saxton

Council Members—Sue Callaway, Derek Abbott and Randall Bartholomew.

The Town of South Bethany will swear in the four candidates at the Town Council Organizational Meeting to be held at a later date, notice of which will be posted.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TOWN HALL HOURS

(Meeting dates and times are subject to change)

May 8	2:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
May 25	————	Town Hall Closed – Memorial Day
May 30	10:00 AM	Town Council Organizational Meeting
June 12	TBD	Town Council Regular Meeting
June 25	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting
July 3	————	Town Hall Closed – Holiday
July 10	TBD	Town Council Regular Meeting
July 23	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting
August 14	TBD	Town Council Regular Meeting
August 27	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting
September 7	————	Town Hall Closed – Labor Day
September 11	TBD	Town Council Regular Meeting
September 24	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting

Town Hall Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
Closed weekends and holidays

Due to the public health threat of COVID-19, Town of South Bethany public buildings are closed to the public until restrictions are lifted. Staff is available via telephone or email during normal business hours to answer questions and provide needed services. There is no disruption in Police Department service. For changes and updates check the Town Website:

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>

TOWN HALL TELEPHONE & EXTENSIONS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXT.</u>
	Town Hall	302-539-3653
Town Manager	Maureen Hartman	213
Administrative Assistant	Pam Smith	219
Finance Director	Renee McDorman	215
Town Clerk	Janet Powell	218
Code Enforcement Constable	Joseph Hinks	211
Public Works Supervisor	Jon Stiffler	216
Maintenance Worker	Rick Gentile	216
Beach Patrol Capt./Code Enforce.	Ryan Dacey	226

POLICE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE & EXTENSIONS

	Police Department	302-539-3996
Chief of Police	Jason Lovins	224
Police Sergeant	Patrick Wiley	214
Police Officer	Killian Klopp	212
Police Officer	Shaun Baldasano	223
Police Officer	Terik Fullerton	225
Police Officer	Anthony Quiroz	223
PD Administrative Assistant	Coleen Meyer	221

TOWN COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS

	Town Hall	302-539-3653
Mayor	Tim Saxton	Ext. 555
Councilmember (Mayor Pro-Tem)	Sue Callaway	Ext. 552
Councilmember (Secretary)	Carol Stevenson	Ext. 551
Councilmember (Treasurer)	Don Boteler	Ext. 553
Councilmember	Frank Weisgerber	Ext. 556
Councilmember	Dick Oliver	Ext. 550
Councilmember	Derek Abbott	Ext. 554

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Police Department (Emergency/Non-Emergency):	(302) 539-3996	Delaware Health & Social Services (Georgetown):	(302) 515-3300
Emergency:	911	Republic Services (Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste)	(800) 762-8888
Non-Emergency (State Police):	(302) 855-2980	Delaware Solid Waste Authority (Landfill):	(800) 404-7080
DNREC (Div. of Fish and Wildlife):	(800) 523-3336	Artesian:	(302) 453-6930
(for boating/crabbing complaints outside of Town limits)		Miss Utility:	(800) 282-8555
(Mosquito Control Office and reporting dead birds):	(302) 422-1512	Sharp Energy (Emergency):	(302) 856-6648
USCG National Response Center:	(800) 424-8802	(Complaint):	(302) 539-7898
(report oil spills/chemical releases/maritime security incidents)		Town Hall:	(302) 539-3653
		Fax (Town Hall):	(302) 539-7576
		Fax (Police):	(302) 539-7545

COVID-19 RESOURCES

CDC website: <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

State of Delaware website: <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/>

Governor Carney's Public Health State of Emergency Declarations/Orders:

<https://governor.delaware.gov/health-soe/>

Questions about coronavirus in DE? Contact Delaware Health and Social Services:

Call 2-1-1 or Email DPHcall@delaware.gov



South Bethany Police

From the Chief

Jason Lovins, Chief of Police

Dear Residents of South Bethany,

Your police department is here and working for you every day and night. In our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our officers are working extra hours and conducting extra patrols. We are frequently assessing and implementing changes in order to better safeguard our community and officers.

Our officers are encouraged to take every opportunity to engage with the community. It is becoming a common sight for officers to stop and talk to our citizens while they are out for a walk. A short conversation or a simple hello can help reinforce that we are here and are sincerely concerned about the well-being of our community.

I fully support the Mayor and Town Council's hard decision to expand on the Governor's order to temporarily close our beach to all activities.

This was a very difficult decision, but it was made in the best interest for our community to help in the needed mitigation efforts required to safeguard residents and visitors.

It is very evident there will be individuals that will not comply with the suggestions and orders made to help mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 and they will continue with their lives as usual. This is not just the out-of-state visitors but our own Delaware residents. Officers are addressing these individuals by educating them and using enforcement action when appropriate.

By summer, we can hope that this will be a bad memory and when everyone goes back to a healthy normal routine, we will all have a deeper appreciation of each other despite our differences. The South Bethany Police Department will be doing what they always do: serving to help keep you safe.

Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety

As the 2020 summer season is quickly approaching I wanted to provide some information and reminders regarding pedestrian and vehicle safety.

This upcoming summer, South Bethany police officers will be very active monitoring the crosswalks located on Coastal Highway in efforts to help ensure the safety of all our citizens and visitors.

The Town Council has been attentively working with the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to enhance pedestrian safety along Coastal Highway.

Bayshore, Henlopen, Petherton and Anchorage Drives will have newly installed crosswalk warning signs. These signs will be equipped with push button activated yellow flashing lights to aid in warning approaching motorists of pedestrians at the crosswalks.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) nationally there were 6,590 pedestrian fatalities in 2019, a 5 percent increase from 2018. In our efforts to help prevent these tragedies I am asking all our residents and visitors to review the following information.

Drivers and pedestrians both share the need to exercise caution and courtesy.

As a pedestrian, please be mindful of the following:

- Be predictable; follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, this is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- Look for cars in all directions - including those turning left or right.
- Never assume a driver sees you; make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times; wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

As a Driver:

- Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- When approaching a crosswalk, reduce your speed and be prepared to stop.
- When you are stopped at a crosswalk, allow enough room between your vehicle and the crosswalk so other drivers can see the pedestrians you have stopped for.
- Do not pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. They have stopped to allow pedestrians to pass or make sure the way is clear.

I hope all residents and visitors have a safe and enjoyable 2020 summer.



South Bethany Beach Patrol

Ryan Dacey, Captain

IMPORTANT BEACH RULES

➤ **Smoking is prohibited in the following areas: (1) The beach, and (2) Beach access walkways from the Eastern edge of Ocean Drive to the beach, and from the eastern edge of Sea Side Drive to the beach, and all handicapped walkways.**

- No pets or other animals are permitted from May 15 to Oct. 15.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Fireworks and fires are prohibited on the beach. Only Town-sponsored bonfires are permitted.
- Please fill all holes dug in the sand before leaving the beach.

➤ Help us to maintain our sand dunes. Use only the walkways to get to the beach. *The handicap accessible walkway is located at South 3rd Street.*

Lifeguards may stop any activity deemed to be a nuisance.

See the complete list of Beach Rules on the Beach Patrol page of the Town's website and at the beach walkways.

Request a **beach wheelchair** at the nearest lifeguard stand. The chairs are available during lifeguard hours only and are used for transport on and off the beach. This helps the beach patrol accommodate as many people as possible.

FROM THE CODE CONSTABLE

(Joseph Hinks)

Town Code Reminders:

➤ **Recycle carts** – Recycle collection times change in May to every Friday for pickup. Many people are unaware of the proper storage and placement of their carts, so for simplicity here is the Town Code: 114-6A (5-7) (5) Trash containers and recycle carts not stored in a bin should be placed at curbside the day before pickup and removed after collection on pickup day. The property owner or occupant shall place recycling carts and all protective containers of solid waste at curbside, but not on the public right-of-way, in order that the recyclable materials and solid waste may be conveniently removed by the collector. (6) Except for pickup, the owner or occupant of any property shall not keep trash can containers or recycle carts at curbside unless stored in a suitable bin. Bins for storage of waste containers larger than 55 gallons shall be open on one or two sides and should have no floor or a low floor to facilitate the removal of containers. (7) Waste containers that are not stored in bins shall be kept at or under the house.

➤ **FEMA Flood Maps Rescinded**- Please note as of 1/3/2020 FEMA has officially rescinded the 2017 adopted FIRM Maps for the Town. See Link on Town Website:

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov/2020/01/28/fema-notice-this-notice-to-firm-user-revises-the-sussex-county-delaware-and-incorporated-areas-firm-panels-flood-insurance-study-reports-firm-database-and-nhfl-to-incorporate-the-march-16-2015/>

Please check your flood insurance policy to see how this impacts your premium.

➤ **New ORDINANCE NO. 198-20 Vision Clearance at Corners** – Please check to see that there is no visual obstruction above 3 feet in the sight triangle. For more information please see:

<https://www.ecode360.com/SO1503/laws/LF1150069.pdf>

Some spring and summer tips:

- **Mosquito prevention:** Keep gutters clean of tree debris to promote proper roof drainage and help control mosquito breeding. Consider

purchasing mosquito dunks to help cut back on the mosquito population. Here are two handy links for mosquito control products.

<http://www.summitchemical.com/mosquito/mosquito-dunks/>

https://www.arbico-organics.com/category/organic-pest-control?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2t2mhOzM6AIVJOeGCh1rigqVEAAAYBCAAEgK-dPD_BwE

- Are you irritated by wild critters in your yard or on your outdoor tables? Consider a non-toxic, and harmless approach. Here is a handy link for those products. <http://motionsensorsprinkler.com/>

1. Trim back trees to promote new vigorous growth. If you have trees that are next to the canals please trim branches back so that tree debris doesn't litter our canals.

2. When cutting your grass do not discharge clippings into the canal or street. Did you know that grass clipping contain phosphorus? One bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain enough phosphorus to produce 30 -50 pounds of algae in our canals. Why not consider bagging or mulching clippings instead.

3. Please take the time to inspect your home for mold and mildew growth. This type of growth can lead to staining and damage to house siding. Instead of using bleach why not consider a safer alternative <https://www.scotts.com/en-us/products/outdoor-cleaners/scotts-outdoor-cleaner-plus-oxicleantm-concentrate> or you could hire a professional.

4. Check all smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors for working condition and replace batteries if needed. Not sure how to replace or where to put detectors? See this handy link: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Smoke-alarms/Installing-and-maintaining-smoke-alarms>

Wishing everyone a safe and sunny summer season. If you need to contact me the phone number is 302-539-3653 x211.



ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REVIEW

Ordinance 196-19, to amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany by adding a new chapter to be entitled “Wireless Infrastructure Construction” to establish uniform policies and procedures for the deployment and installation of small wireless facilities in rights-of-way within the Town of South Bethany’s jurisdiction, in the interests of the public health, safety, welfare, integrity and interests of the Town of South Bethany and its residents, and in compliance with requirements under federal law governing wireless infrastructure. Had its first reading on October 11, 2019; and had its second reading and adoption on December 13, 2019.

Ordinance 197-20, to amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 94, Parking, to revise permitted parking, fines, and penalties. Had its first reading on February 10, 2020; and had its second reading and adoption on March 13, 2020.

Ordinance 198-20, to amend the code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 145, Zoning, Article IV, General Provisions, § 145-9 Vision clearance at corners, requiring clear vision for vehicle traffic at corner lots. Had its first reading on February 10, 2020; had its public hearing on March 13, 2020; and had its second reading and adoption on March 13, 2020.

Ordinance 199-20, to amend the code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 138, Voting, Absentee, to comply with State Law. Had its first reading on February 27, 2020; and had its second reading and adoption on March 13, 2020.

Resolution 1-20, requesting that the proposed offshore wind project and the Fenwick Island State Park expansion be thoroughly reviewed and studied in partnership with surrounding coastal communities. Was adopted on February 10, 2020.

Resolution 2-20, to set the FY 2021 Property Tax Rate and Rental Tax Rate. Was adopted on April 3, 2020.

Note: You may view these ordinances and resolutions at Town Hall or in the News & Notices section of the Town’s website.

ACCESS THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY CODE

On the home page of the Town’s website

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>

Click or tap the Town Code icon



Meet Councilmember-Elect Randall Bartholomew

Gloria and I have owned in South Bethany since 2001 and upon my retirement two years ago, moved here as full-time residents. Previously we lived in Colesville, MD (DC area) for 40 years. We are so proud of our new grandson, Luke, from our daughter, Heather and her husband, Casey.

Early in my career I was a CPA, progressing into controllership and financial management roles with two prominent real estate shopping mall developers, The Rouse Company and the Mills Corporation. I retired as the EVP and COO of the National Trust Community Investment Corporation, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, based in DC.

I look forward to working with my neighbors and the Town Council to continue South Bethany's family-oriented, quiet resort.



The Petherton Aeration Pilot Frank Weisgerber, Canal Water Quality Chair

What Aeration Can Do For You

Aeration is the process of adding oxygen to water. Maintaining healthy levels of dissolved oxygen (DO) in our canals aids in the breakdown of decaying vegetation and other sources

of nutrients that will be available for algae blooms and excess aquatic plant growth.

Aeration and dissolved oxygen mostly happens through wind, rain, splashing of water from an incoming tide, and by photosynthesis carried out by aquatic vegetation within the canal. However, as nutrients are added to the canals from sources such as runoff, dust from construction sites, grass clippings, and leaves from nearby trees, the demand for oxygen increases. When you add that to the fact that warm summer water holds less dissolved oxygen, and the demand for it increases during this time, you have a formula for fish kills, algae blooms, foul odors, and the buildup of stagnant vegetation.

During the daytime when the canal is receiving sunlight, photosynthesis can release oxygen into the water for the fish and bacteria to use. However, during the nighttime hours when there is no sunlight, photosynthesis stops and plants actually start to use some oxygen instead of producing it, and as the night progresses, the oxygen levels steadily drop. Also, once the plants die off, the extra decomposition taking place also uses up available oxygen.

Colder water holds more oxygen than warm, water with higher salinity levels has a decreased saturation level of oxygen.

Aeration can be used to increase the level of dissolved oxygen so normal biological processes in the canal system can become balanced. It also helps to move water in low circulation areas (which otherwise can build up undesirable levels of algae). In short, aeration provides a way to help clean up and improve water quality.

The PILOT

To handle tricky areas, water circulators are great at creating directional flow and mixing water. They add oxygen by moving oxygenated water

from the surface to the bottom and deoxygenated water from the bottom to the surface so it can diffuse oxygen from the air.

The South Bethany Petherton pilot will utilize two circulator pumps placed 5 and 15 feet from the canal end on the bottom that will force water flow in a certain crossing direction so as to create an eddy water flow environment.

The introduction of oxygen via this type of aeration can:

- Improve overall water quality
- Speed up the rate of organic decomposition
- Reduce the amount of phosphorus, which would otherwise be available for plant growth
- Cause circulation currents that are expected to create favorable conditions to decrease the severity of algae blooms and algae die-offs
- Allow for greater densities of fish
- Allow for other aquatic life to exist such as oysters and mussels

HOW DOES AN AIR INJECTOR WORK?

1. It draws in oxygen from above the water's surface, through an air intake tube, powered by a submerged electric motor.
2. The oxygen enters the propeller chamber where it is mixed rapidly at 3450 RPM by a specially designed propeller.
3. The propeller breaks down the aspirated oxygen into fine bubbles while mixing them with water entering through the protected intake chamber.
4. These bubbles are then thrust via the propeller into the water, providing horizontal circulation of oxygen. As this circulation is directional, multiple units will be necessary.
5. To create circular flow one 1/2HP unit will be placed within 15 feet of bulkhead end of Petherton Canal at a 22° angle facing South and another 1/2HP unit to be placed within 5 feet of bulkhead end of Petherton Canal at a 22° angle facing North. Units will be fully submerged. Air intake hoses will be placed at bulkhead above high tide water line.





The Communications and Public Relations Committee
Carol Stevenson, C&PR Chair

Come on Summer!

Thank you to all the residents, home owners, and visitors who have quarantined at home, stayed safe, and helped others stay safe and healthy. We are all looking forward to getting back our lives and enjoying our beautiful beach. It is still here, just waiting for you! We are positively looking forward to some summer fun activities.



South Bethany will again offer Exercise Programs this summer! Yoga returns most mornings on the Beach. Boot camp will be offered once or twice weekly on the Beach, and a Fitness Program is planned for our Exercise Area next to Town Hall. Watch for details!

Town Bonfires on the Beach begin this summer. The tentative dates are June 15, July 11, and August 8 at 7:30 pm. Bonfires will be sponsored by the Beach Patrol and held on the beach at the South 3rd Street Handicap Ramp. Free marshmallows and roasting sticks will be provided as long as they last! Hot dogs will be sold with proceeds going to the Beach Patrol to fund expenses for competitions and their Anniversary Party next summer. The year 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the Beach Patrol keeping South Bethany beachgoers safe.



The SBPOA Boat Parade is scheduled for Friday July 3! This annual event will begin at 5 pm with Decorated Boats meeting in Jefferson Creek at 4:45 pm. Boats will parade through the South Bethany Canals. Please come out and cheer for your nautical friends and neighbors. Prizes will be given for Best in Show, Christmas in July, Most Patriotic, Most Humorous, Most Creative, and Most Enthusiastic. Sign up by contacting sbcanalers@gmail.com. The awards will be made at the July 5 All Town Picnic and Party.

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As of this writing, the July 4th Bethany Beach Independence Day Parade will go ahead as scheduled. We are looking for a few volunteers to design and build a South Bethany Float. We want to uphold South Bethany's tradition of Winning First Place, year after year! Please contact Carol Stevenson at carol.stevenson54@gmail.com or 410-322-9910. This is a fun endeavor and a great way to show our patriotic spirit.



Sunday, July 5, brings us an All Town Party and Picnic outside at the Town Hall, with Steel Drum music, Face Painting for Children, Food and Drink. Boat Parade trophies will be awarded. Come and reconnect with your friends and neighbors. Stand by for more details! Rain or Shine from 6 to 8 pm.



Movies on the Beach are a South Bethany Tradition. This year we will hold a special family movie on July 15 (rain date July 16). Tune in to see what movie is chosen. Bring your flashlights, beach blankets, chairs, and children to the beach at South 3rd Street to have family fun under the stars. Special free treats for kids and snacks for all will be available!

Thank you for your continued support for these town activities. Welcome to South Bethany, "The Best Little Beach in Delaware!"



WAYS TO PURCHASE PARKING PERMITS

Application for Rental License or Non-Rental Declaration must be completed prior to purchasing parking permits.

ONLINE For your convenience, you can purchase your parking permits online and permits will be mailed to you! Go to our website at <https://southbethany.delaware.gov> and click "Online Payments".

CALL (302) 539-3653 ext. 518
 Provide your credit card information and mailing address. Permits will be mailed directly to you.

MAIL a check payable to Town of South Bethany, 402 Evergreen Rd., South Bethany, DE 19930. Provide your mailing address and the quantity. Permits will be mailed directly to you.

Parking Permits \$20 EACH
 Replacement Permits \$50 EACH
 (replacement permits are not available for online purchase)
Maximum four (4) permits allowed
Hang Tags and Static Tags available

Daily passes can be conveniently purchased 24/7 at our kiosk located outside Town Hall from May 15 to September 15 at the cost of \$20.00 each. The kiosk accepts cash, Visa, and Discover.

Website Tips: On the Home page find upcoming meeting agendas in the Meetings & Events section and public notices and news in the News & Notices section. Don't see the meeting or notice you are looking for? Click or tap "View More".

To review past meeting minutes or to hear the audio recording of the most recent Town Council Regular Meeting, on the home page of the Town's website click or tap the Meeting Minutes icon.



Viewing from a mobile phone? To see the top navigation menu, tap the Menu icon:



Questions? Contact Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (CEC)—SUE CALLAWAY, CHAIR

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION – April 22nd
SOUTH BETHANY HEALTHY WALKING MAPS**



Each year, the Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) celebrates Earth Day by introducing a new initiative that honors our part of the Earth that we love so much – South Bethany. In years past we have created several new canal end gardens, installed the Anchorage Forebay sign for water quality, installed the Historic Forebay sign honoring our town’s historic past, and dedicated

our new Fitness Area adjacent to Town Hall. This year we had planned to gather to dedicate our 5 new Healthy Walking Maps that are placed strategically around town. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have had to cancel the Earth Day celebration. What are the Walking Maps? Using the remaining funds from our Fitness Area grant, we were able to create 5 duplicate walking trail map signs that indicate the mileage for each walking area. With the “Stay at Home” guidelines, we think we all have a renewed appreciation for outdoor exercise – so let’s keep walking!



Check out the Healthy Walking Sign locations!



**1) FITNESS AREA MAP
SUE CALLAWAY, CEC CHAIR –
THUMBS UP FOR EARTH DAY &
HEALTHY WALKING!**

2) CANAL DRIVE MAP

3) YORK ROAD MAP



**4) OCEAN DRIVE &
6TH STREET MAP**



**5) ANCHORAGE
FOREBAY MAP**



ADOPT – A – CANAL/ROAD – END PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Community Enhancement Committee is proud to announce that it will host a celebration of the **10th ANNIVERSARY** of the **ADOPT-A- CANAL/ROAD END Program** on **SATURDAY, JULY 25th, 2020 from 10:00 am to Noon**. Joining with our generous Adopt partner, Inland Bays Garden Center, the Celebration will honor our volunteers who have improved our canal ends over the years. The event will feature a brunch, a workshop focused on gardening in South Bethany presented by Inland Bays Garden Center, door prizes, and a visual walk down memory lane. [All South Bethany property owners are invited to join the honorees as we celebrate 10 successful years!](#)

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS!



**PHOTOGRAPHY/ART EXHIBIT RETURNS TO SOUTH BETHANY
ART IN THE HALL...2020**

THE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL HOST ITS 3rd ART IN THE HALL Exhibit at South Bethany Town Hall from **OPENING NIGHT** on **Saturday, June 27, 2020, through Friday, July 17, 2020.**

The 2020 **ART IN THE HALL** Exhibit will feature South Bethany and local coastal scenes presented by both photographers and artists. Building upon the successes of the first two exhibits, the 2020 **ART IN THE HALL** Exhibit will include photography and original artwork.

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS!



PAY YOUR TAX BILL ONLINE

View and pay your tax bill online on the Online Payments page of the Town's website, <https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>. If you need assistance, contact the Finance Director, Renee McDorman at:

302-539-3653 x 215

financial@southbethany.org

BETHANY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Please support the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company (BBVFC) in their fundraising efforts. The fire service is completely separate from the ambulance service. The ambulance fee you pay with your Town taxes is for the ambulance service only and does not benefit the fire service. The following is the web address to the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Co. Donation Page:

<http://bethanybeachfire.com/page/donations>

You can also access the donation page from the Local Links page of South Bethany's website.

HELP KEEP OUR BEACH AND TOWN CLEAN

Dog excrement has been seen along the beach. Everyone is asked to clean up after their dogs and not dispose of dog excrement in someone's private trash container. Please adhere to these Town ordinances:

§ 30-5. Removal of excrement. The owner shall carry and use a bag or other device to pick up and remove any excrement said dog shall drop on property other than their own.

§ 114-5E. It shall be unlawful to place or deposit any animal excrement into any cart, bin, can, or container that is not the property of the animal owner or the Town.

HONORARY/MEMORIAL BRICKS



Buy an honorary/memorial brick located around the Town Hall flagpole. To order, download the order

form from the Forms page of the Town's website or contact Town Hall to request the form. Return the completed form and payment of \$100 to Town Hall.

Rental License/Rental Tax: "No property owner shall advertise to lease or rent to another any residential or commercial property without first obtaining a valid annual rental license."

The fee is \$150.00 for each residential or commercial property offered for rental and is payable at the time the application is submitted. When applying, the property owner certifies that all prior rental tax forms have been filed and that all rental tax and penalties due have been paid in full and that all the information provided and statements made in the application are true and accurate. Any property owner found guilty of violating this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined \$300.00 for each day of violation, plus court costs, and reasonable town attorney fees.

Rental taxes shall be due and payable to the Town no later than Oct. 31 of each year and shall cover the prior period of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Rental Tax is 8% of total gross receipts collected for each rental property.

MONITORING THE TROPICS AND CONDITIONS

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center encourages residents and visitors to continue monitoring the tropics and conditions. Stay tuned to local television and radio stations and the following Sussex County internet resources:

Sussex County EOC Website:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-operations-center>

Sussex County's hurricane homepage:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/hurricane-information>

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SussexCountyEOC

www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE

Twitter:

https://twitter.com/SussexCtyDE_EOC

https://twitter.com/sussexde_govt

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SussexCountyDelaware>

The public should also monitor the National Weather Service NOAA Weather Ready Nation homepage:

<http://www.weather.gov/wrn/>

FY 2021 BUDGET APPROVED

The South Bethany Town Council, at its regular meeting on April 3, 2020, approved the FY 2021 Budget. Detailed copies of the budget are available at the Town Hall during regular business hours. The budget can also be viewed on the Budget and Finance page of the Town's website.

NO WAKE ZONES

All waterways from our canals to the Little Assawoman Bay are posted "NO WAKE" zones. If you see a boat creating wake in our canals, make a downward motion with your hand. If the boater chooses to ignore your request to cut the boat speed, you have the right to take pictures and capture the boat's name, boat description, and its registration number and then contact DNREC's Boat Enforcement Division at 302-739-4580.

Town Code Annual Notifications

Visit the News & Notices section of the Town Website, <https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>, to view notifications regarding the following:

- Town Code Chapter 104, Property Maintenance, Article II, Grass and Weeds
- Town Code Chapter 114 Solid Waste, Article III, Solid Waste Management.

The notifications can also be viewed at Town Hall.

TRASH SCHEDULE

October through April: Mon.

May & Sept.: Mon. & Thurs.

June, July & August: Mon., Thurs., & Sat.

Trash will be collected:

Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day.

FYI: Latex paint solidified with kitty litter, sawdust, or sand can be put in the regular trash. IT MUST BE SOLIDIFIED!

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

May through Sept.: Every Friday

Remainder of the year: Every other Friday

YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Year Round—Every other Wednesday

**Note: Yard waste pickup resumes
Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

The calendar is posted on our website.
On the Home page click or tap the
Trash Schedule icon.



Paper copies are available at Town Hall.